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<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	10/772,598	CHOKSHI, SONIA	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
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**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**  
 All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment received 02/04/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 8-12.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 06 February 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

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**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
    - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)</li> <li>2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)</li> <li>3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),<br/>Paper No./Mail Date _____</li> <li>4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br/>of Biological Material</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)</li> <li>6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br/>Paper No./Mail Date _____</li> <li>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment</li> <li>8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance</li> <li>9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</li> </ol> |
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### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Miss Sonia Chokshi on 18 May 2005.

The application has been amended as follows: Claims 1-7 has been changed to read as follows:

Claim 8. (New) An easy to use jar opener especially for people with arthritis, comprising in combination: a substantially elongated handle, said handle defining a longitudinal axis, and wherein said handle having a distal end and a proximal end, with the distal end defining a arcuate surface generally perpendicular to said longitudinal axis, and wherein said arcuate surface contains gripping teeth for frictionally engaging a jar lid and wherein said teeth mate with lids having ribbed edges; an adjustable strap member having a distal end and a proximal end, wherein said distal end is fixedly attached to a side in the longitudinal plane of said handle and adjacent said concave surface, and wherein said strap member is ribbed so as to frictionally engage said lids, and wherein said proximal end of said strap and the region adjacent thereto is detachably secured to the exterior longitudinal surface of the handle at the side opposite the side on which the distal end is attached; and means for detachably securing said strap to said handle.

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Claim 9. (New) The jar opener as claimed in claim 8, wherein said handle means comprises: a preferred length of approximately 5 inches; said handle having round, square or hexagonal cross-sections; preferably hexagonal with the diameter ranging from ½ inch to 3 inches preferably 2 inches.

Claim 10. (New) The jar opener as claimed in claim 8, wherein said handle is manufactured by injection molding.

Claim 11. (New) The jar opener as claimed in claim 8, wherein said gripping strap is sufficiently long and wide so as to accommodate any size lid.

Claim 12. (New) The jar opener as claimed in claim 8, wherein detachably securing means is VELCRO.

In the Specification:

- Page 1 of 8, line 21, "As suck" has been changed to read, "As such".
- Page 2 of 8, line 9, "simple applies" has been changed to read, "simply applies".
- Page 2 of 8, line 30, "parts;" has been changed to read, "parts:".
- Page 4 of 8, line 12, "several purpose" has been changed to read, "several purposes".
- Page 5 of 8, line 5, "cab be sold" has been changed to read, "can be sold".
- Page 5 of 8, line 13, "from. a novice's", has been changed to read, "from a novice's".

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2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The closest references found, US 3,678,788; US D307, 101; US D474, 661 S; and US 2,132,207 do not disclose a jar opener wherein the strap is so configured that the surface of the handle directly contacts the lid. Therefore, the art of record considered as a whole alone or in combination neither anticipates nor renders obvious, a jar opener, comprising in combination: an adjustable strap member having a distal end and a proximal end, wherein the distal end is fixedly attached to a side in the longitudinal plane of the handle and adjacent the concave surface, and wherein the strap member is ribbed so as to frictionally engage the lids, and wherein said proximal end of the strap and the region adjacent thereto is detachably secured to the exterior longitudinal surface of the handle at the side opposite the side on which the distal end is attached, together in combination with the rest of the limitations set forth in the dependent claims.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alvin J Grant whose telephone number is (571) 272-4484. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:00-4:30.

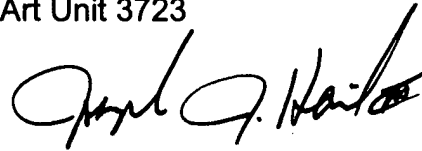
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph J Hail can be reached on (571) 272-4485. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph J. Hail, III".

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